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In re the application of: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

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For: BIOSENSOR AND BLOOD COMPONENT ANALYTICAL METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicant wishes to amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification by inserting after the title and before the first line the  
sentence:

**Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application claims priority of JP2000-164990 and PCT/JP01/04649 filed June 1,  
2000 and June 1, 2001, respectively, the entirety of which are incorporated herein by  
reference.

**In the Claims:**

Please add new claim 34 as follows:

34. (New) The biosensor of claim 1 wherein the concentration of the cell shrinkage reagent  
is 0.05 ~ 5.0M.

**REMARKS**

The new claim incorporates the change to the claims originally filed in the Article 19 amendment. Since the Article 19 amendment was done in a fashion that is not permitted under U.S. patent practice (a new claim 10 was inserted and claims 10-33 were renumbered as claims 11-34), the new claim 10 from the Article 19 amendment is being added by this preliminary amendment as new claim 34.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

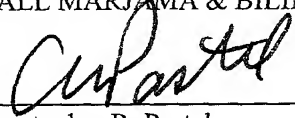
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